

Weekly Status & Information Report: April 16 - 20, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of April 23, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, April 23, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
 - Ethics Commission meeting, Monday, April 23, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
 - Arts and Humanities Commission meeting, Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
 - Board of Elections meeting, Thursday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room
- All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and open to the public unless noted otherwise. *(City Clerk)*

2. Music at the Community Center: Tonight, Friday, April 20 - "Ullmann's Last Testament" from the Washington Musica Viva <http://dcmusicaviva.org>. On Saturday, April 21 - "Lily Neill" from the Institute of Musical Traditions <http://imtfolk.org/> And on Wednesday, April 25 - "Karen Collins and the Backroads Band" also from IMT. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission Fee. For more information check out the listed website. *(Housing and Community Development)*

3. Scribblers Cabal: Our first "Scribblers Cabal" will take place this Saturday, April 21, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kids are invited to join Dave Burbank, library assistant and resident artist, for an afternoon of drawing. Registration encouraged. *(Library)*

4. Seed Exchange (Takoma Park) - Meets Saturday, April 21: Come meet fellow Takoma Park gardeners to trade purchased or hand collected seeds. Seed exchanges encourage gardeners to collect and distribute seeds. Bring your extra seeds, cuttings, etc., to trade and share. Program will be held in the Lilac room located inside the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Ave). This free program is open to all ages. 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. *(Recreation)*

5. This Sunday! We Are Takoma presents "A Celebration of Songs from Eastern Europe:" Enjoy the hauntingly beautiful harmonies and rhythms of Bulgaria, Greece, Russia and the former Yugoslavia during this performance by Carpe Diem! A Celebration of Songs is a collaboration of Carpe Diem's Community Arts Residency Project and the renowned Orfeia Ensemble, with special guest musicians and dancers. Please join us this Sunday, April 22 at 4 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium for an afternoon of song and dance. Donations encouraged. <https://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events> *(Housing and Community Development)*

6. Dia Celebration: Our annual "Dia" celebration will be held on April 28, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Come join our 5th annual celebration of kids, books and multi-culturalism with a special Circle Time and craft program. All are welcome, but registration is encouraged to ensure we have enough craft supplies for all. *(Library)*

7. Takoma Langley Crossroads Sector Plan at County Council - April 24: Montgomery County Council will vote to adopt the Takoma Langley Crossroads Sector Plan on April 24. The formal vote will incorporate by Resolution all of the revisions that have been endorsed by the City Council and the community during the development of the plan. Montgomery County Council meets in the Council Hearing Room, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. *(Housing and Community Development)*

8. Montgomery County Housing Fair - April 28: Mark your calendar so you don't miss the 12th Annual Housing Fair sponsored by Montgomery County Housing and Community Development and an assortment of non-profit and government partners, including the City of Takoma Park. It's definitely worth a visit if you need individual foreclosure counseling, would like to access a free credit report or simply want to visit the 80 or more exhibitors who have information about affordable housing, managing money and credit and avoiding scams. There is plenty of entertainment for the kids and best of all, there are eight opportunities during the day to win a \$500 cash prize that will go toward your rent or mortgage. Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bohrer Park Activity Center, 506 S Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg. For further information, call 240-777-3627 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA. *(Housing and Community Development)*

9. TKPK 5K - Sunday, May 6: Register now for the Safe Routes to School Takoma Park 5 K Challenge: <http://www.tkpk5k.com/> Early bird registration until April 23, with a chance to win drawings for gift certificates. *(Housing and Community Development)*

10. Pilates Starts a New Session: Takoma Park Recreation Center began a new session for Pilates under the instruction of Nancy Nickell. This challenging one hour workout session is a combination of precision body toning, stretching and core strengthening focusing on exercising the whole body to reach your goal of a leaner, stronger body. Class meets on Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m. Register now and enjoy the workout. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. *(Recreation)*

11. Summer Camp Registration: Parents, are you looking for something fun and invigorating for your child to do this summer? Well, the Takoma Park Recreation Department offers several camps that will stimulate and enrich your child's mind during the summer months. We offer a variety of camps that specialize in dance, art, music, theater, video production, sports, science, fitness and more. Registration for all 2012 Summer Camps are underway and many camps are filling fast. To view our camp offerings online please visit: www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at (301)891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

12. Save the Date - Bike to School Day: After the TKPK 5 K race, prepare to switch gears later in the week with the first-ever National Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 9. Save the date and stay tuned for more information. *(Housing and Community Development)*

13. **Bike-In Movie Night - Outdoor Family Event:** May is 'bike month' and to celebrate, the Takoma Park Recreation Department will be hosting a movie night in the park on Friday, May 11. Bring the whole family out for a night of fun and community; don't forget to ride your bike to help reduce our carbon footprint! This free event is open to all ages. Event will be held at Lee Jordan Field (next to Takoma Park Middle School), 7611 Piney Branch Road. Seating will begin at 8:00 p.m. and the movie will begin playing at dusk. Event is co-sponsored by the Housing & Community Development Department and the Takoma Park Police Department. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at (301)891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

14. **Teen Job Search:** On Tuesday, April 17, Recreation Department Teen staff assisted high school residents in researching and completing job applications for summer employment with local businesses and establishments. One of the workshop attendees completed an application for Target and has successfully secured a job after being interviewed on Thursday, April 19. Teen staff assisted each workshop participant in completing at least three applications which increased their chances of securing a summer job. For more information regarding the next Teen Job Search, please contact Bradley Williams at 301-891-7283 or via email at bradleyw@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

15. **Seniors Stock Up:** Sixteen happy seniors spent the day shopping and having lunch at the new Wegmans Market in Lanham, Maryland. This trip took place on Wednesday, April 18, offered the seniors their first opportunity to visit the famous store to stock up on fresh produce and household goods. The in-store buffet of freshly-made foods was especially popular. *(Recreation)*

16. **Smashing Smoothie's and Movie Rap Night - KICK OFF Event:** Recreation Teen staff partnered with Project Move to bring Takoma Park teens the Smashing Smoothie's and Movie Rap Night - Kick Off event. The Kick Off consisted of games, prizes, giveaways, and of course SMOOTHIE'S. Over 60 youth, teens and young adults showed up at the event to create their very own smoothie. This FREE program is offered every first and third Thursday of the month from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The program provides up to date positive age appropriate movies for teens to watch to stimulate positive and informative discussion to assist in developing respect for themselves and others; promote excellence in mind, body and spirit; and empower youth through positive relationships. For more information or to register today, please contact Leicia Monfort at (301) 891-7223. *(Recreation)*

17. **Register for Bike To Work Day - May 18:** Join over 10,000 bicycle commuters in the Washington region on May 18. Takoma Park is joining the network this year with three 'pit stops' in the City: at the Old Town Gazebo, on Sligo Creek Trail, and at the Takoma/Langley Crossroads. Whether traveling to work, school, or Metro, anyone commuting by bike the morning of May 18 can participate in this free event. All registrants get a free t-shirt at their pit stop, are treated to refreshments, and entered to win prizes like bikes and messenger bags. Learn more about the event and register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

18. **Draft New Ave Streetscape Standards:** The New Hampshire Avenue Streetscape Standards will set the look, tone, and feel of our community, and change how people walk, bike, get to the bus, and do their shopping on the New Ave. A draft of the Standards will be released next week and posted on the New Ave website: <http://www.thenewave.com/development/projects/streetscape-standards>. Residents and business owners on the corridor are encouraged to review the Standards and send their comments and feedback to ErkinO@takomagov.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

19. **First Time Home Buyer's Class:** Eighteen prospective home buyers attended the 5-hour class held on Saturday April 14 at the Takoma Park Community Center and took a giant leap forward to feeling comfortable enough to purchase their first home. Experts from a title company, lending institution, real estate firm, insurance company and inspection company volunteered their time to assist LEDC, a non-profit HUD-approved housing agency sponsor this program. Attendees earned a certificate of completion which can be used to take advantage of county and state low interest mortgages, and down payment and closing cost assistance programs. Always well received, this class is offered twice a year and is an excellent way to make sure you never become a victim when purchasing real estate. If you are interested in attending a future class, please call 301-891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

20. Officers in Meetings:

- On 4-17, Chief Ricucci and various members of his staff attended an Officer of the Year ceremony hosted by the Lion's Club who named Pvt. Peter Marable as their Officer of the Year.
- On 4-18, Chief Ricucci held his monthly Chief's Advisory Board.
- On 4-20, Chief Ricucci attended a dedication of the Montgomery County Public Safety Memorial. *(Police)*

21. Officers in Training:

- On April 16-18, Cpl. Black attended training entitled "Ballistic Breaching Operators School Session XIII" at the Howard County Police Department Training Academy in Marriottsville, Maryland.
- On April 16-18, Pfc. Magnaye attended training entitled "Lesson Plan Development Training" at the MPCTC Public Safety & Education Training Center in Sykesville, Maryland.
- On April 18, Cpl. Conrad, Cpl. Erwin, Pfc. Hubley and Pfc. Robison attended training entitled "An Introduction to the Sovereign Citizen" at the MPCTC Public Safety & Education Training Center in Sykesville, Maryland. *(Police)*

22. **Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (April 13-19, 2012) may be viewed online at: http://cathyplevy.blogspot.com/2012/04/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_20.html. *(Police)*

23. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 153 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, six vehicle impounds, one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic and two warrant service arrests from traffic.

During April 13-18, 2012, the following details were completed:

April 13, 2012

- 900 block of Merrimac Drive (tag reader/suspensions) – conducted a two-hour detail and issued seven State citations.

April 16, 2012

- 13th Street at Erskine Street (stop sign enforcement) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- 7400 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued six State citations for speed and three other State citations.

April 17, 2012

- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) – conducted a detail and various times and issued 12 State citations.

April 18, 2012

- 1100 block of University Blvd. (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued six State citations. *(Police)*

24. **Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes):**

Week of April 12-19, 2012

State Citations issued: 82

City Citations issued: 2

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 7

Warnings: 3

Court: 3 hours

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 1

Warrant Arrests: 1

(Police)